



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): TASHIRO

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTROLLING JOINT FORCE OF
FRICTION-JOINT COMPONENT
MOUNTED ON VEHICLE

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Examiner: PANG, Roger L

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species mailed on October 18, 2004 in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect Transmission/Control 1 of Figs. 1-15 without traverse. Applicants state that claims 1-17 and 19-20 read on Transmission/Control 1, and also state that claims 1-9, 12-17 and 20 are generic.

Examination of the present application in view of the above election is respectfully requested.

Please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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